

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT HENDERSON LEWIS, JR., PHD

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. has served as the Superintendent of NOLA Public Schools since March 18, 2015, becoming one of the youngest and longest tenured leaders in the 180-year history of public education in New Orleans. With over 25 years of educational experience as a teacher, mentor, assistant principal, instructional coach, curriculum expert, principal, and school district leader, Superintendent Lewis brings a unique, classroom focused perspective to the table.

Dr. Lewis first worked for the Algiers Charter Schools Association for six years, serving as the founding principal at Algiers Technology Academy. He taught for seven years at neighboring St. Bernard Parish Public Schools and represented District 9 on the St. Bernard Parish Public School Board for 11 years. Dr. Lewis then went on to become a celebrated superintendent for East Feliciana Parish, which is just north of Baton Rouge. Under his leadership, the district was recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education as second in the state for elementary student academic growth. Throughout his tenure at New Orleans Public Schools, he has not wavered from his mission as a citywide regulator of schools, a protector of family and student rights, and a thoughtful steward of public resources.

Superintendent Lewis has been at the helm of NOLA-PS during a pivotal time in the school system's history. He oversaw the 2018 unification of public schools in New Orleans with those schools run by the state of Louisiana. NOLA-PS now has 76 schools under the oversight of the Orleans Parish School Board.

Thanks to his team and his leadership, New Orleans community of schools is better structured today than ever before. NOLA-PS established an accountability framework that holds charter schools to high standards. During his tenure, Dr. Lewis has worked to add strong school options to the portfolio, including new and innovative school models, transformations, and replication of successful school models to provide the best possible options for students.

During his time as Superintendent, he faced the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. He helped NOLA-PS lead the way nationally by building partnerships, using data to drive decisions, and leading NOLA Public Schools through the COVID-19 pandemic. That work has helped NOLA-PS lead the way nationally when it came to reopening schools with adequate technology, gaining access to COVID testing, and securing access to vaccines. Dr. Lewis also coordinated the district-wide commitment to add the COVID-19 vac-

cine to the list of required vaccinations for students five years and up.

His dedication to promoting equality and equity led to the renaming of 21 school buildings in 2021 to separate the school system of today from the dubious honors bestowed in the past to slaveholders and segregation sympathizers. He also implemented an equity initiative within the school district to continue to advance public education as a right for all children, no matter their race, gender, or economic position.

At the heart of Dr. Lewis' work remains his unwavering commitment to the well-being and high-quality education of every child, every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEROY ARTHUR PETRY FOR NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY 2022

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Leroy Arthur Petry of Santa Fe, New Mexico for his life of service to our nation and in recognition of tomorrow's National Medal of Honor Day.

Just one year after graduating high school, Mr. Petry joined the United States Army in 1999.

Mr. Petry was deployed eight times, which included deployments to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

On May 26, 2008, Mr. Petry and his regiment came under fire from Taliban forces in Afghanistan. During this skirmish, he was wounded by a round that pierced both of his legs.

Although wounded, Mr. Petry led another Ranger to cover.

When a Taliban fighter threw a grenade that landed just a few feet from him and his fellow soldiers, Mr. Petry selflessly lunged forward, picked up the grenade, and threw it back in the direction of the Taliban fighters as it exploded.

At great personal cost, Mr. Petry saved the lives of his fellow soldiers.

For his courageous actions in Afghanistan, Mr. Petry was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama on July 12, 2011. He is the second living recipient of the medal after the Vietnam War.

Mr. Petry continues to serve his fellow veterans and his community. I am thankful to Mr. Petry for his service and tremendous sacrifice for our nation. It is an honor to represent him in Congress.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF COLE EVANS FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Cole Evans, a freshman at Perrysburg High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving the Division I State Wrestling Title. Cole overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division I State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Cole Evans defeated his opponent in the finals of the 106-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. Cole led his team to rank second place overall in the championship. He has achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Cole Evans of Perrysburg High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

REMEMBERING MARVIS JONES, ONE OF THE MEMPHIS STATE EIGHT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Marvis LaVerne Kneeland Jones, a renowned Memphis educator and one of the courageous Memphis State Eight who integrated then-Memphis State University in 1959 following the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling (1954) declaring segregation of public schools unconstitutional. Mrs. Jones was born in Chicago in 1941 and was raised in Memphis where she graduated from Hamilton High School. She obtained a master's degree from what is now the University of Memphis and taught in the Memphis City Schools for 25 years. As a civil rights trailblazer, her heroic integration of Memphis State opened the doors of opportunity to thousands. In 2006, the University honored the Memphis State Eight by recognizing their pioneering work desegregating the campus, and Mrs. Jones was among the remaining five who returned to the University in 2019 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their achievement. Mrs. Jones was a marvelous singer and piano player and tickled the ivories to the delight of audiences. She was married

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to the late state Representative Rufus Jones for 57 years, helping at the Rufus Jones Big Star grocery store at College and McLemore and on his political campaigns. She loved her children and saw them earn significant advanced degrees, and guided her talented grandchildren who called her "Granna." I extend my condolences to Mrs. Jones' four children—Dr. Gladys A. Jones, Rufus E. Jones Jr., Dr. Ida L. Jones Pittman, and Dorothy D. Jones—and to her many friends, colleagues and admirers.

RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PECARD LEATHER CARE COMPANY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Pecard Leather Care Company as they celebrate their 120th anniversary.

The company came from humble beginnings when Phil Pecard, resident of Lena, WI, began to experiment with formulas to protect, restore, and seal leather goods in 1902. Mr. Pecard's mission was to provide the lumbermen of Wisconsin with the resources they needed to protect their expensive leather boots in the cold and wet environment that was the north woods.

The business continued to grow and shortly after World War Two, Mr. Pecard constructed a small factory in the Green Bay area and later sold his business to a local businessman, Arthur Wadzinski. Over the next 20 years, the business continued to grow as original formulas were refined and legally patented. The company was formally incorporated in 1964 and a new manufacturing plant was built in 1975 to accommodate their rapid growth and overwhelming success. I commend the Pecard Leather Care Company for its service and dedication to the craft.

120 years later, it is more than fitting to take time to recognize the company's pledge in continuing the authentic craftsmanship and high-quality traditions that began with Mr. Pecard. A small idea that began in Lena, WI, has grown to serve customers worldwide for over a century. I applaud the Pecard Leather Care Company for its exceptional work, continued growth, and success for the past 120 years.

I invite all Members of this body to join me in celebrating the 120th anniversary of Pecard Leather Care Company. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Pecard Leather team on this remarkable milestone and wish them success for many more years to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE ORIANNE & PHIL COLLINS' LITTLE DREAMS FOUNDATION

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little

Dreams Foundation (LDF). The LDF was founded in 2000 and has been headquartered in Miami since 2013. The foundation's goals are to provide training and advice for aspiring young artists, athletes, and musicians by pairing them with a mentor who is a professional in their respective area.

Being able to extract creative talent out of students in Miami is important to Lourdes and I. Studies show that when students are introduced to music and the arts at a young age, it helps improve cognitive ability particularly in the math and sciences. In a world that is rapidly evolving and growing technologically, it is crucial that students at a young age have the ability to compete on a global stage in STEM courses. Organizations like The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little Dreams Foundation are crucial for giving students skills that they may not necessarily learn inside the classroom.

Now more than ever are LDF's contributions and mission critical to the surrounding community. I congratulate The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little Dreams Foundation. I look forward to their continued success and prosperity in the future.

IN HONOR OF KRISTI SHREVE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kristi Shreve who is receiving the 2020 Hillsborough Schools' Community Care Award. Every year, the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough selects a non-resident employee who has made sustained, significant and lasting contributions that have touched the lives of our children and benefited the community as a whole.

Mrs. Shreve is an outstanding educator who has dedicated her life to teaching and uplifting the next generation. She began teaching in Hillsborough 24 years ago as a teacher at South Preschool. She became a student-teacher at South School and was hired by Hillsborough School District in 2002 as a 2nd-grade teacher at South. A year later, she transferred to West School where she has been a 1st through 3rd-grade teacher ever since. Mrs. Shreve is a member of the Leadership Team at West, a Data Advisor, a New Teacher Mentor, a Teacher in Charge, a Technology Mentor, an HTA Site Representative, HTA Negotiator, and HTA President, among the many leadership roles she is holding. Her work ethic and compassion have earned her the respect and adoration of her colleagues, students and their parents.

An essential quality of an outstanding teacher is the ability to meet students where they are. Mrs. Shreve gets to know each student and his or her unique needs. She becomes a true advocate and will always go the extra mile. With parents, she forms partnerships that are characterized by flawless communication, strong and trusting relationships, and joint advocacy for the students. These relationships live on beyond their time at the school.

Mrs. Shreve led the first Tyler Yamagishi Walk-a-Thon at West School raising money for the Tyler Yamagishi Scholarship Fund and the Riekes Center in Menlo Park. Tyler Yamagishi was a West student who succumbed to

osteosarcoma at the young age of 14. The Riekes Center is a non-profit community space that offers character-building programs in art, music, nature awareness, sports training, and other life skill areas. Mrs. Shreve also worked with the Hillsborough Beautification Committee and the West Parent Group on the memorial tree project in Tyler's memory. Another project that showcased her inexhaustible empathy was the "Love Notes for Montecito." All students at West made valentines for students and staff at Montecito Union Elementary School in Santa Barbara County after devastating fires and mud slides in 2018.

When not at school, Mrs. Shreve loves to spend time with her husband, John, their own children, Alyssa and Brendan, and their two cats, Snowy and Cookies. They reside in Daly City.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Kristi Shreve for being an exemplary teacher, one of the most influential and noble vocations in shaping our common future. She is a role model and an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, I missed a vote on H. Con. Res. 70. I would have voted "YES" on roll call vote No. 61 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 70, as amended).

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MELANIE MONTROLL, ORLEANS PARISH HARBOR POLICE

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, "Law enforcement is my existence; I have strived to make this world a better place for all of us. Service to humankind is the only way to show appreciation for being chosen by God to live this life."

Those words are Chief Montroll's mantra every day. Born the youngest child to a doting police officer father and a loving mother who worked in accounting, her parents knew at a very early age that she would live a transformative life.

Chief Montroll was born on New Orleans' Eastbank and was a rambunctious youth filled with vigor and determination. She was always known to be the life of the classroom, filled with jokes and playfulness. Academics came easy to her also. Chief Montroll is a graduate of Oliver Perry Walker High School in New Orleans' Algiers area and graduated with a 4.0 average. After her high school graduation, she attended community college and concurrently made the decision to follow in the footsteps of her father and become a police officer. After graduating from the Harbor Police Academy, Melanie was full steam ahead in her career serving the community.

Chief Montroll, while holding a full-time law enforcement job at Harbor Police Department, enrolled in Southern University at New Orleans and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Soon thereafter, she secured her Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of New Orleans. "Education is the key to doors that cannot be opened normally."

Within two years of her being employed by the Harbor Police Department, she was promoted to Corporal, which gave her officer supervisory responsibilities within the department. After many awards and accommodations, she was promoted to Sergeant, which included being the Director of Training and the Commander of the Marine division. This position prepared her to, once again, be promoted. This time to Lieutenant, and those responsibilities made her the Commander of the Criminal Investigations and Internal Affairs Division.

As a reward for Chief Montroll's hard work and dedication, she was promoted to Assistant Chief of the Harbor Police Department in 2017 with the rank of Captain. The job included Captain of all Platoons, Communications and Surveillance Center, Criminal Investigations and Internal Affairs, Maritime Security Operations Center, Bicycle Division, Training Division, and the day-to-day operations of the Harbor Police Department. She supervised security guards working under the purview of the Harbor Police Department. She was responsible for ensuring adequate and efficient deployment of patrol officers to various sections of the Port of New Orleans as well as overseeing the Port of New Orleans Fireboat Boat and 9-member crew. She was responsible for three civilian staff in charge of emergency operations and homeland security. She was responsible for the fiscal budget for the department and responsible for the Port of New Orleans remaining compliant with MTS (Coast Guard Regulations) and Commander of Harbor Police Department's Marine Division. She served as the liaison for personnel and time management for subordinate officers between the Harbor Police Department and the Port of New Orleans' Human Relations Division. She coordinated working relationships with outside law enforcement agencies, including local, state, and federal.

Under the tutelage of Chief Robert Hecker, she learned the ins and outs of being the Chief of Police. She credits Chief Hecker for being an outstanding mentor and role model in policing. On Monday, February 28, 2022, after a long interview process, Melanie received the call that she was selected to be the next Chief of Police for the Harbor Police Department. Chief Montroll is the first African American female Chief of Police for the Harbor Police Department and one of the first in the State of Louisiana. Chief Montroll is married to Danyell Montroll and has a son Daniel and live in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area. She is an inspiring member of our community and I congratulate her on this incredible achievement.

SUPPORTING H.R. 5001, THE UPPER COLORADO AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS RECOVERY ACT

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5001, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act. This bipartisan bill would reauthorize and extend critical endangered fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program was first established in the 1980s to help bring four species of endangered fish back from the brink of extinction, while continuing existing water development and ensuring compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

The San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program was established in 1992, and similarly works to protect these endangered fish in the San Juan River sub-basin, a part of the larger Upper Colorado River Basin.

These programs are unique collaborative efforts between local, state and Tribal officials, federal agencies, water and power interests, and environmental groups—all working together to recover these endangered species, preserve ecosystems, and maintain water development.

These four species of fish are only found in the Colorado River Basin—making the work of the recovery partners crucial to their recovery. Both programs work collaboratively for the recovery of these species, and have become models for their collaborative conservation efforts to protect endangered species.

Last year, one of the endangered species in the Upper Colorado River Basin—the humpback chub—was moved from endangered to threatened status due to the many years of effort from this partnership. Another species—the razorback sucker—was also proposed for delisting last summer, resulting from the actions of the recovery programs and their partners over the past 30 years.

My bill would reauthorize these critical programs through 2024 and extend current reporting deadlines for the Recovery Programs.

Extending the program authorization an additional year allows federal partners to include funding for the programs in their three-year budgetary planning cycle, and does not raise the cost ceiling for the current programs.

The bill also provides an extension of reporting requirements for the recovery programs—as requested by the program partners—to account for challenges and delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am glad to have the support of several of my colleagues from these states as cosponsors on this effort, along with the support of local and state officials across the Upper Colorado River Basin.

The technical amendments my bill makes are necessary to preserve the functioning of these successful programs, and ensure the programs are able to continue to operate smoothly for an additional year.

CELEBRATING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NATIVO

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nativo restaurant in the community of Highland Park on its one-year anniversary.

Nativo first opened for business in November 2020, but temporarily closed its doors amid the rising COVID-19 case count. In February 2021, the colorful Guadalajara-inspired restaurant began to welcome guests again.

Nativo has been a local, family-owned operation from day one. Gabriel Paredes, a Highland Park native, draws inspiration from his family roots in the neighborhood of Guadalajara, Jalisco. He remembers walking up and down York and Figueroa with his grandfather selling boots from a beat up old white truck. "One of my dreams has always been to come back to the neighborhood that has meant so much to me," says Paredes. Corissa Hernandez, co-owner and wife, is Nativo's cultural liaison. "We want to create a platform for people of color, for women," says Hernandez.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gabriel Paredes, Corissa Hernandez, and Nativo on their one-year anniversary. I also extend to all of them my best wishes for many more years of success ahead and I invite my colleagues to stop by Nativos the next time they're in Los Angeles.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PERVIS SPANN, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE BLUES MAN"

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of an extraordinary man and broadcast radio icon, an on-air personality, and a radio station owner: Mr. Pervis Spann.

Pervis Spann was born in Itta Be, Mississippi on August 16, 1932. Growing up, he picked cotton and cared for his family when his mother fell ill. At age 14, he managed the Dixie Theater, a local Black theater. His family uprooted from Mississippi and migrated to Battle Creek, Michigan in search of jobs, education, housing, and the right to vote. Spann joined the military and fought for our Nation during the Korean War.

In the 1950s, his love for music would lead him to his first disc jockey job at WOPA in Oak Park, Illinois. In 1960, he organized his first concert, which showcased B.B. King and Junior Parker. In 1963, Phil and Leonard Chess bought a radio station that later became known as WVON. Shortly afterwards, Spann was hired by the Chess brothers as a disc jockey for their 24-hour blues station.

Spann became known as the "The Blues Man", gaining notoriety with an 87-hour sleepless "sit-in" raising money for Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On April 1, 1963, Spann and his business partner, Wesley South, would purchase the radio station and create the mantra, "The Voice of the Negro."

Spann was a master marketer, utilizing the radio airwaves to promote some of the biggest concerts and shows in Chicago during the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, and providing a platform for African American musicians and entertainers. He formed the Delta Production Company, a concert production and marketing company which produced shows at The Regal Theatre, Arie Crown Theatre, the Lyric Opera House, the Aragon Ballroom, and the Trianon Ballroom. Spann was also the owner of The Burning Spear nightclub and several other establishments.

Spann booked James Brown; Sammy Davis, Jr.; The Temptations; Chaka Khan; Dinah Washington; Jerry Butler; The Impressions; The Four Tops; Marvin Gaye; Al Green; Otis Clay; Earth, Wind & Fire; Sam Cooke; The Staple Singers; The Commodores; Marvin Gaye; Cab Calloway; Roy Hamilton; Jackie Wilson; Little Richard; and Count Basie. Notably, he was most famous for crowning Aretha Franklin "the Queen of Soul" in 1962.

For nearly six decades, Spann's radio station played a pivotal role in creating a platform for community, business, and political leaders. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. could be heard regularly on the Wesley South Show, Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad were part of the evening format, and Mayor Harold Washington favored WVON for his public service announcements. In 1968, WVON was the first station in the country to announce the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when Reverend Jesse Jackson called from Memphis with the news on April 4, 1968.

In 1975, WVON was sold and changed frequency. Spann formed a business partnership with Vernon Jarrett and Wesley South and bought the license to the original frequency in 1979. The new radio station, WXOL, was an all-blues format where musicians such as Johnny Taylor, Buddy Guy, KoKo Taylor, Howlin' Wolf, Otis Clay, and many others could be heard. In 1983, the station reclaimed the old call letters of WVON.

In 2012, Pervis Spann was inducted in the Blues Hall of Fame for his contributions in media, production, and business. He joined legendary musical luminaries such as B.B. King, Etta James, Mavis Staples, and Willie Dixon.

Spann was the epitome of the American dream—he went from 'sharecropping to shareholding'. Throughout his life, Spann used the radio station as an outlet to cultivate new aspiring radio personalities. He was always willing to give a helping hand to those who needed work and support, and he both recognized talent and encouraged young people to pursue a college education.

Spann, along with his wife, Mrs. Lovie Spann, and four children, Melody, Darrell, Latrice, and Chante, continued to call the South Side of Chicago home for the rest of his life. Pervis Spann's loss is deeply felt across Chicago, the nation, and even the world.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family—Lovie, Melody, Darrell, Latrice, and Chante—and with all who loved and were impacted by this truly great man.

RECOGNIZING ARLINGTON COUNTY'S FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of our first responders for their heroism during the COVID-19 pandemic and every day for their bravery and selflessness. Arlington County's first responders have been on the frontlines, making more than 300 trips in 2021 to Culpepper Garden, consistently risking their own well-being to protect and serve our community members.

I share my colleagues' enthusiasm in the General Assembly and on the Arlington County Board in dedicating the Arlington County First Responders Bench at Culpepper Garden to recognize and celebrate all first responders on this day, March 25, 2022.

I urge all residents to join the Arlington Network for Community Readiness and help us all prepare for and respond to an emergency and to sign up for the Disaster Volunteer Registry to be a volunteer resource for our area during an emergency.

I also commend the staff and residents of Culpepper Garden for enhancing our community in so many ways. As a nonprofit retirement community that is home to 450 low-income seniors who live in 346 independent living and assisted living apartments, they help make our community dynamic and vibrant.

Please join me in commemorating these heroic first responders.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER OF MICHAEL LAVOIE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Michael J. Lavoie, a dedicated public servant whose commitment to protecting the safety of the people of Worcester, Massachusetts has saved countless lives over the last three decades.

Joining the Worcester Fire Department in 1987, Chief Lavoie served for 14 years as a firefighter. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2001, captain in 2008, and then Worcester Fire Safety Division District Chief and North End District Chief in 2009 and 2011, respectively. Finally, Chief Lavoie was named chief of the Worcester Fire Department in 2017. During his tenure, Chief Lavoie led the department and the City of Worcester through challenging times with grace and strength.

Throughout his career, Chief Lavoie facilitated great improvements. He helped implement training workshops and instituted a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, which uses safety features like a thermal imager and enhanced communication capabilities to protect the health of firefighters. Chief Lavoie also worked tirelessly with Worcester City Manager Ed Augustus to bring new vehicles to the department and to make sure every firetruck was always fully staffed.

Madam Speaker, the impact Chief Lavoie had on the Worcester Fire Department cannot

be understated. He has shown, time and time again, incredible leadership and commitment to the people of Worcester.

Chief Lavoie is a public servant, through and through. Over the course of his 35-year long career, he gave so much to the City of Worcester and improved the working conditions of firefighters along the way. I also have to thank Chief Lavoie's family for supporting him in his service to our city. Their sacrifice has allowed all of us to have a safer place to call home.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and all the people in whose lives Chief Lavoie has made a difference, it is my great privilege to thank and recognize Chief Michael J. Lavoie for his service to the people of Massachusetts and his unwavering commitment to making a safer world.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAFT COLLEGE

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Taft College and recognize the profound contribution the school has made to our community over the last century.

Established on August 30, 1922, Taft College emerged from humble beginnings. Sharing a campus with Taft Union High School at the time, Taft College enrolled 10 students in its first year of operation. As one of only 15 community colleges in California in the early 1920s, the Taft Union High School District Board—the founders of Taft College—envisioned that the school would transform the region by offering local students unprecedented access to higher education. Since then, the school has done just that, producing leaders in business, law, nursing, education, athletics, and public service.

Today, Taft College is bustling, operating its own independent campus of nearly 40 acres and its enrollment has grown to 2,400 students. With an average class size of 18 students, students may enroll in any of the 43 degree and 30 certificate programs offered at Taft College and receive high-quality instruction in fields of study ranging from Liberal Arts to Engineering in small group settings.

Throughout the past century, Taft has proven itself as a leader among community colleges. In 1995, the school created the Transition to Independent Living (TIL) Program and in 1997, pioneered a distance learning program. The TIL Program is a two-year, post-secondary educational program that provides training and support for students with developmental or intellectual disabilities and helps prepare them to lead confident, self-sufficient lives. Taft College's innovative, first-of-its-kind distance learning program offers greater flexibility to students pursuing a degree while balancing additional priorities at work and in life. Both programs have garnered respect and accolades from educational leaders within and beyond the Taft community.

Taft College's success and the critical role that it plays in uplifting individuals throughout California's Central Valley are undeniable. I am confident that Taft College will continue to

further its long legacy of instilling a passion for learning in its students and the Taft community. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, it is my honor to share the history of Taft College, celebrate the school's centennial anniversary, and commemorate its enduring contributions to our community.

HONORING DR. ANTHONY CAO MINH HUNG FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN AND COMMITMENT TO VIETNAMESE AMERICAN YOUTH TALENT DEVELOPMENT

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Cao Minh Hung (aka, Anthony Hung Cao), who co-founded the Cau Lac Bo Tinh Nghe Si (Vietnamese Artists Friendship Club) in 2010, a non-profit organization with members from across the United States and is well-known among Vietnamese community overseas for its activities and contributions in cultural and social events. The purpose of the organization is to preserve Vietnamese culture, as well as encouraging and promoting new talents in music, art, and literature. The organization includes a choir of more than 50 members and participates in many community events throughout the years.

Dr. Cao Minh Hung practices dentistry in Costa Mesa and Long Beach, California. Besides working as a dentist, he spends most of his time serving the community through his organization. He currently serves as a volunteer producer and host for television talk shows, music programs, and children educational shows such as Hat Mam Viet Nam (Seeds of Vietnam) on Little Saigon TV and IBC TV. In the past 10 years, he has hosted more than 400 television talk shows to promote music, culture, and bring important news to the community.

Most importantly, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung founded the Youth Talent Development Program, which has trained and educated nearly 100 young students in the past 6 years. The program includes many aspects from teaching Vietnamese language through music and dance, as well as educating students Vietnamese culture and history through the Trivia Contest Show (aka Do Vui De Hoc), which broadcasts weekly on Little Saigon TV.

The Youth Talent Development Program serves youth from 5 to 18 years old with vocal and dance classes every Saturday. This free program educates students about their cultural heritage through Vietnamese songs and dances, as well as guides them to become future leader for the community. In addition, performances on stage help students build confidence in their personal life.

During the pandemic, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung remained active and managed his time to produce many virtual shows via Zoom. He also advocated for the community's well-being and actively involved in the American Dental Society and the California Dental Society. Besides composing nearly 60 songs related to Vietnamese culture and history, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung has also authored the book "My Life and Many Other Short Stories",

which tells his story of hardship and his path to success since arrival in America at the age of 19. The book has inspired many youths.

With his passionate, tremendous dedication, hardworking, and extraordinary leadership, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung has made great impacts in the Vietnamese American community. He is known among his peers and members as a great leader in many aspects, particularly on preserving the Vietnamese American heritage and building leadership in the younger generation.

RECOGNIZING ANGOLA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., JOAQUIM DO ESPIRITO SANTO, FOR HIS VISIT TO ATLANTA

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Angola's Ambassador to the United States, Joaquim do Espirito Santo, for coming to the City of Atlanta to celebrate our native son, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Angolans arrived in the American South 400 years ago as the first African slaves brought to the colonies that would become the United States. Atlanta was incorporated in 1845, and by 1850, Atlanta's population was roughly 20 percent African slaves, mostly from Western Africa and what is now Angola. Angola and the City of Atlanta have a long shared history, and Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo's recent visit honors the relationship between Angola and Atlanta.

While in Atlanta, Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo joined the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service alongside me at Ebenezer Baptist Church, one of the most powerful modern institutions of the Civil Rights movement. A guest of Dr. Bernice King, Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo attended the service on behalf of Angolan President João Lourenço.

While in town, Ambassador Espirito Santo further built ties with Atlanta's thriving businesses and organizations. By meeting with Atlanta's Mayor, City Council, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Ambassador Espirito Santo has laid the groundwork for continued cooperation and partnership between Atlanta and Angola. Similarly, the Ambassador met with the Atlanta-based Carter Center to thank them for their excellent work eliminating Guinea Worm Disease in Angola.

Recognizing Atlanta's shared past and exciting future with Angola, the Atlanta City Council officially proclaimed January 17, MLK Day, as "Angola Day" in Atlanta. In the words of the City Council, "this growing partnership between Atlanta and Angola is a story that has come nearly full circle, from tragedy and injustice to opportunity and hope."

I join the City of Atlanta in congratulating the Ambassador on his timely visit and look forward to the blossoming cultural and economic relationship between Atlanta and Angola.

HONORING U.S. PARALYMPIAN OKSANA MASTERS

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent, Oksana Masters, who is now the most decorated U.S. Winter Paralympian of all time.

Born in Ukraine in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, Ms. Masters faced challenges early on in life due to the serious impacts of radiation exposure. But, like most things in her life, she overcame these obstacles with unyielding courage. Knowing the serious medical attention that would be needed, Ms. Masters was placed up for adoption and spent the first seven and a half years of her life in orphanages. After being adopted, Ms. Masters' family moved to Louisville when she was 13 years old, where she excelled in sports and graduated from my alma mater, Atherton High School. During her impressive career, Ms. Masters has established herself as a world-class athlete who continues to inspire young people in Louisville and beyond to pursue their dreams in the face of adversity.

With a gold medal in the cross-country skiing mixed relay at the 2022 Beijing Paralympics, Ms. Masters now holds 14 Winter Paralympic medals in cross country skiing and biathlon, along with three more Summer Paralympic medals in cycling and rowing. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Ms. Masters is an outspoken activist on behalf of her home country, where she advocates to improve medical services for children with disabilities in Ukraine.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and the city of Louisville, I thank Ms. Masters, for her leadership and for representing the United States with such distinction. She is an incredible role model both on and off the slopes, and I have no doubt that she will continue to be a source of pride for her friends and family, the people of Louisville and our entire nation.

HONORING MEAGAN HOLLAND FOR HER SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Meagan Holland, a committed public servant who worked in my office as Press Secretary and Digital Director. During her tenure, Meagan has spearheaded the implementation of innovative strategies to expand my office's digital outreach and better engage the constituents of Florida's 24th congressional district. I thank Meagan for her calm demeanor, unwavering professionalism, and extensive expertise.

Meagan has been an integral member of my Washington, D.C. office and has meaningfully contributed with her strong writing skills, creativity, and skilled use of digital media software. In her capacity as lead communications

staffer, she drafted speeches, opinion articles, and statements, produced digital media content, and communicated with members of the national and South Florida press.

Meagan hails from South Carolina and is a graduate of Winthrop University, located in the city of Rock Hill. She has previously served as a public-school English teacher and is the proud daughter of Anthony and Amy Holland.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Meagan Holland for her extraordinary accomplishments and commitment to public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIROSHI MIYAMURA FOR NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY 2022

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Hiroshi H. "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico for his incredible life of service to our nation and in honor of tomorrow's National Medal of Honor Day.

At a time when Japanese Americans faced widespread persecution, Mr. Miyamura bravely volunteered to serve in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, during World War II.

Mr. Miyamura answered the call to service again during the Korean War and proved himself to be a model of leadership as a Corporal in Company H, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

On the night of April 24, 1951, Company H was ambushed by enemy forces. Aware of the imminent danger to him and his men, Mr. Miyamura ordered the squad to fall back while he remained to cover their movement.

Courageously fighting off more than 50 enemy combatants by himself, Mr. Miyamura gave his squad enough time to escape and was captured as a Prisoner of War (POW).

As a POW, Mr. Miyamura was forced to march 300 miles over five weeks. He then endured 28 months in a POW camp with little food or water.

Following his release in 1953, Mr. Miyamura was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for his tremendous display of fortitude and heroism.

Since his discharge from the military service, Mr. Miyamura remains a staunch advocate for his fellow veterans and his community.

I'm proud to serve Mr. Miyamura in Congress and recognize him for his invaluable service, both as a wartime hero and peacetime mentor, to the State of New Mexico and to the United States of America.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOEY BLAZE FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Joey Blaze, a junior at Perrysburg High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving his second Division I State Wrestling Title. Joey overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division I State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Joey Blaze defeated his opponent in the finals of the 144-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. Joey led his team to rank second place overall in the championship. He has achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Joey Blaze of Perrysburg High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

HONORING VIVIAN RODRIGUEZ FOR HER LIFELONG CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, as Outreach Director for Florida's 9th Congressional District, Vivian Rodriguez served as a Federal liaison to Central Florida constituents and community leaders. Her dedication to underserved communities helped to elevate their voices and concerns. During her tenure, Ms. Rodriguez organized hundreds of outreach meetings and community events. She proudly recognized community leaders who selflessly gave their time to benefit Central Florida at multiple cultural events each year.

Ms. Rodriguez worked to support our office's belief in combatting social injustice by organizing advisory committee panels to identify areas within our community that needed improvement from criminal justice, Hispanic, and LGBTQ+ priorities. Following the devastation from Hurricane Maria, Ms. Rodriguez united community leaders to help thousands of people transition into our Central Florida community from Puerto Rico.

One of Ms. Rodriguez's greatest accomplishments was working with the LGBTQ+ community to designate Pulse as a National Memorial. Her efforts will honor the victims' families, survivors, and Central Florida community forever. She also drafted letters of support to increase our community's resources during the global health pandemic. Her actions helped boost our community vaccination numbers and improve COVID-19 testing availability.

Today, we celebrate her lifelong career in public service, which began at the New York City Police Department where she was committed to protecting her community, especially following the 9/11 attack. She later worked as a consultant to the Department of Homeland Security before serving Central Florida as Outreach Director for Florida's 9th Congressional District. We are grateful for Vivian's commitment to serving our community and wish her the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE H.E.A.R.T.S. MUSEUM AND THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE VETERAN MEMORIES

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum in Huntsville, Texas, as it dedicates its replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial. This wall is a powerful and emotional reminder of our fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice valiantly defending human life and freedom in the Vietnam War.

The H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum represents a three-decade commemorative community effort born from a humble window front display. Who knew that a single patriotic gesture would result in a permanent museum preserving the names and memories of the men and women who did not make it home from the battlefields of Vietnam.

The museum began as a traveling student education program, but the mission of H.E.A.R.T.S. quickly brought the community together. The permanent location in Huntsville opened its doors on Veteran's Day in 2009. Spurred by one respectful and reflective gesture, this effort by the Huntsville community truly exemplifies the H.E.A.R.T.S. mission to Help Every American Remember Through Serving.

Today, the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum is a living time capsule that showcases, salutes, and immortalizes our nation's heroes and their contributions. Veterans are the heartbeat of freedom, and this addition will serve as a powerful reminder that our freedom is not free.

I am proud to congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. museum on the completion of their replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. This 370-foot-long, eight-foot-tall replica serves to honor our veterans who stepped up to the call of duty and gave their lives for the sake of liberty and justice for all. Their names, forever carved in stone, represent a small token of our gratitude and deep appreciation for their sacrifice. Families and veterans from across Texas and neighboring states can visit this wall to honor the 2,700,000 men and women who served in the Vietnam War.

I am proud to join my community to recognize the dedication of this deeply moving memorial and congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum on all the work they have done to honor the brave service members, living and deceased, who fought in the Vietnam War.

REMEMBERING DR. DONALD
PINKEL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to Dr. Donald P. Pinkel, a pediatric oncologist whose aggressive treatment of childhood cancer at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, and elsewhere, has saved thousands of lives. Dr. Pinkel died last week in California at the age of 95. Already an established childhood cancer specialist in his native Buffalo, Dr. Pinkel was lured to St. Jude in 1961 by its founder, Danny Thomas, before the physical structure had been built. He was instrumental in its development and staffing as its first chief executive and medical director. In segregated Memphis, he insisted that all facets of St. Jude be integrated and that the malnutrition of his patients, many of them Black, be addressed by a nutritional assistance program that became the model for the federal government's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, known as W.I.C. With other top researchers, he developed chemotherapy protocols for treating almost always fatal acute lymphocytic leukemia that were considered radical and dangerous, but which proved over time to transform the illness into a treatable disease which now has a 94 percent five-year survival rate. As Danny Thomas' daughter Marlo said in a statement last week, her father and Dr. Pinkel "had the same unyielding hope and were equally audacious in their determination that childhood leukemia could be vanquished." Memphis and the nation can be grateful this man of science devoted his life to saving vulnerable children. I send my condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His was a life well-lived.

RECOGNIZING THE RED ARROW SNOWMOBILE-ATV CLUB RECEIVING NATIONAL SNOWMOBILE CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club for receiving the prestigious National Snowmobile Club of the Year award.

Since 1968, the Red Arrow Snowmobile Club has served as a place for its members to gather and enjoy the more than 60 miles of trails that it maintains. Over the years, the Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club has grown to have over 500 members, from Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, and even Tennessee. Throughout the years, the hard work and dedication of past and present board leaders, members, and community volunteers has resulted in Red Arrow being honored by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations as the 2021 Snowmobile Club of the Year. I commend the close relationship between the Club and the Townsend Community that has contributed to their overwhelming and lasting success.

In the Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club, each member plays a vital role in its success. Specifically, the dedicated maintenance crews that spend multiple hours and late nights to ensure that their trails are of the highest quality. This crew enables individuals to travel across the State of Wisconsin and into Townsend, where they enjoy local restaurants, motels, and gas stations, resulting in a flourishing economy. The Club has shown that they will continue to live by the idea of keeping the club's future success as a top priority. The Red Arrow Club has consistently shown its commitment to not only to the snowmobiling community but to the Townsend Community. The Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Red Arrow Snowmobile Club for being recognized as the 2021 Snowmobile Club of the Year. The Red Arrow Snowmobile Club is an outstanding organization and is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF BERNICE FERNANDES

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to wish a very happy birthday to Bernice Jerves Fernandes, upon turning 100 years of age on March 25, 2022. She was born on the island of Kauai before Hawaii was admitted to the Union. She has made a wonderful difference in many lives, including serving as a teacher for 26 years at Holy Cross parish school, and hosting many foster children. Yet she has made time to also become a successful businesswoman and farm owner. Her late husband, Frank Fernandes, served the cause of freedom in World War II. Bernice is a long-time friend, and her daughter Bernadine has been my close friend since childhood. Bernice has five grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

I want to congratulate Bernice on this milestone and assure her of my love and appreciation. Her 100th birthday deserves our honor and acclaim, as it represents a wise lifetime of being a joy to those of us who know her and making the world a better place. The Scripture places great blessing upon a long life that is "full of days," and emphasizes deep respect to age as a "crown of glory." I trust Bernice feels the special affection from her many loved ones, and congratulations all to her family and friends as they celebrate Bernice where she lives in Hawaii. I thank Bernice and Soifua.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANNE PRISCO, PRESIDENT OF HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inauguration of Dr. Anne Prisco as the sixth president of Holy

Family University. After achieving a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona, a master's degree from Fordham University, and a Ph.D. from Columbia University, Dr. Prisco has gone on to faithfully serve a number of higher education institutions in a variety of roles. Over the course of her impressive career, she has worked as an administrator, faculty member, researcher, and consultant. Prior to her new post at Holy Family, Dr. Prisco was President of Felician University in New Jersey from 2012 to 2020, leading the school through a transformational period. Under her leadership there, the university grew and is now thriving with record-breaking increases in enrollment, growing net revenue, continued facilities enhancements, and a focus on inclusive excellence and shared governance. Dr. Prisco was appointed as the next President of Holy Family University in July 2021 and will be officially installed in that on April 8, 2022. We have no doubt that she will bring the same commitment that she brought to her previous academic posts to Holy Family University. As Dr. Prisco fully begins this new journey, we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact that she has already had community and wish her well in her new role.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIELLE BISHOP WHO IS ASSUMING RE- SPONSIBILITY AS THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Danielle Bishop, a Burlington, Wisconsin, native serving our nation in the United States Army. Danielle enlisted in the United States Army after graduating from Burlington High School in 2001. Since joining the Armed Forces, she has served our nation proudly for over 20 years.

Danielle began her career of service as a military police officer, protecting her fellow soldiers. She joined the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division in 2007, where she furthered her experience and expertise in both law enforcement and military service.

When Danielle first joined the Army, she was unsure where her career path would lead. But she found something she excelled at, where she could serve and protect the country while doing the same for her fellow soldiers. Danielle has devoted her life to service for over two decades. Now, she will assume responsibility as the Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division. This is a tremendous honor, and one which demonstrates Danielle's accomplishments and dedication.

On, March 25, 2022, Danielle will be honored at Quantico for her outstanding achievements and commitment to service. On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I want to thank Danielle for her leadership and service to our nation. We are safer because of Danielle's service.

HONORING GORDON C. BAXTER

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Gordon C. Baxter, a World War II Veteran and Career Fireman of Geneva, New York. Gordon passed away on March 17, 2022, at the age of 95, and it is only fitting that today we remember him for his enduring dedication to his country and community.

Gordon was a lifelong resident of Geneva, New York. He graduated from Geneva High School in 1944 and joined the Army on May 1, 1944. In August of 1945, Gordon was assigned to the Philippine Islands and returned to the United States in January of 1946. Gordon was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon in recognition of his service to our country. He was Honorably Discharged in May of 1946 and went on to study at the Rochester Institute of Technology for two years.

Gordon's commitment to the community was an inspiration. He worked for the City of Geneva as a Career Fireman from which he retired after 25 years of dedicated service. Gordon was a proud member of the Hydrant Hose Company Number 1, where he held several offices over his tenure. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 396 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Above all, Gordon was a family man. I have always been inspired by the hard work and kindness of the Baxter family and I appreciate Gordon's service to our country and to our community. He will always be remembered, as his legacy will live on forever through his family and friends.

Given the above, I ask that this legislative body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Gordon C. Baxter for his lifelong commitment to service.

CONGRATULATING WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, today I congratulate the Washington High School Choir for their prestigious selection to perform at the 100th anniversary celebration of the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial. As the only choir selected from Missouri, it is truly an honor to represent such hard-working and dedicated students. Under the direction of Ms. Jessie Patterson, the Washington students will be experiencing a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I could not be prouder to represent them. Missouri is lucky to be represented by the WHS Choir.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF KEY WEST**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Key West, Florida. The island's rich history and culture has made it an exquisite destination for millions around the world and in our great nation. Throughout the last 200 years, Key West has remained resilient and has always taken pride in its early entrepreneurship, labor force, and culture.

What is now Key West was originally incorporated as Thompson's Island. Early on, Key West was designated a Port of Entry. Within a few years, it transformed into an active city, attracting merchants, shipbuilders, politicians, and others from all over that were in pursuit of success. In the 1830s the wrecking industry expanded and became the main trade for the island.

During the mid-nineteenth century migration on the island also increased. Many Bahamians relocated to Key West and specialized in shipbuilding, fishing, sponging, and other maritime industries that were expanding at the time. Due to the expansion of these industries, Key West's success remained steadfast.

Today, the island is known for its biodiversity, historic sites, beaches, tourism, and rich culture. I commemorate the contributions many over the course of the last two centuries have made to propel and expand Key West. Exploration, entrepreneurship, and hard work have allowed the island to be what it is today—a unique treasure in our state.

It is an honor to join the South Florida and Conch community in celebrating this grand milestone. Key West has played a significant role in our nation's history and continues to exemplify the best of our great state today. Happy 200th anniversary Key West. Congratulations to all of those who have contributed to our island and have made it what it is today.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF HILTON GUAM RESORT
& SPA**HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. I extend my sincere congratulations for their decades of outstanding service and commend them for their contributions as a leader in Guam's tourism industry.

Having opened its doors in February of 1972, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa was the first international 5-star hotel that arrived on our shores. As a pioneering force in the island's tourism history, the Guam Hilton meaningfully elevated the industry and catalyzed its emergence as one of this day's leading economic drivers. The growth they have accomplished over the years has directly improved the quality of life for the people of Guam, providing thousands of job opportunities, significantly re-

ducing resident household taxes, and facilitating greater connections with a diverse global population. The hotel group has further demonstrated their steadfast commitment to our community with stay offerings and employment prospects uniquely available to residents amid the challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Now a major tourist destination and melting pot of cultures, Guam proudly shares our Håfa Adai spirit and island hospitality with visitors from Japan, Korea, and other countries across the world. Madam Speaker, I express my deepest gratitude to the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa for their dedication to supporting the local public while fostering the island's relationships with international communities. Once again, I would like to congratulate them for over five decades of excellence in service, and may the future ahead be filled with continued success for both the Guam Hilton and our island as a whole.

IN HONOR OF HARINI KRISHNAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harini Krishnan who is being honored as the 2020 Hillsborough Schools' Citizen of the Year. Every year, the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough selects an individual who has made sustained and significant contributions to the Hillsborough community, especially to education and to the well-being of children. I couldn't think of a more deserving recipient than my friend Harini Krishnan. I have known her for many years and seen first-hand her tireless advocacy for others. With a big smile on her face, she takes on problems she identifies and any task handed to her. If you want to get something done, ask Harini.

Somehow, she finds enough hours in the day to serve a long list of organizations. In addition to being a parent volunteer for the Hillsborough City School District, she was the Parent Group President at West School and Crocker School, served on the board of the Associated Parents' Group, was the Community Campaign Co-Chair for the Hillsborough Schools Foundation, co-chaired the Hillsborough Family Fun Day Carnival, and continues to be the Neighborhood Lead for the Hillsborough Neighborhood Network. Harini is a champion for public schools and has also taken a leadership role in the San Mateo High School parent community. She has served as the Co-President of the Foundation Board for five years, is the Mock Trial Parent Liaison, and is a member of Music, Drama and Dance Boosters.

A resident of Hillsborough for 20 years, Harini is a true global citizen and applies her spirit and empathy to anything she does. She is an acclaimed Indian classical vocalist and lecturer. At Crocker, she taught a class on Indian history, culture and arts and she hosted Hillsborough Schools Foundation Pay-to-Play parties at her home where she taught people how to cook traditional Indian food and adorn saris. Her goal is not only to make people knowledgeable about Indian culture, but to inspire them to be global citizens and lifelong

learners. She believes that the best way for our children to have empathy and to be people of good character is by walking in other people's shoes and by exploring the world beyond their backyards.

Harini also was instrumental in organizing the now annual trips for Crocker's 8th graders to Washington, D.C. It's a great opportunity for the students to learn about congressional history and to see democracy in action.

Additionally, Harini applies her love for the arts to her work as vice chair of the San Mateo County Arts Commission and on the 2020 California Arts Council State Local Partners Grant Panel. She is a champion for social justice and gender equality and serves on the boards of Equal Access International and FUND HER. In her never-ending pursuit of growing and learning, she is currently enrolled in a program in public leadership at Harvard Kennedy School. As you can surmise from this long list of public service and engagement, Harini is an exemplary community leader.

She is also a devoted wife and mother. She and her husband, Vika Jha, a startup entrepreneur, have raised two remarkable children, Janani and Abhaya, who are college students pursuing their own dreams. They are talented and extraordinarily gifted. I have been in awe of their accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Harini Krishnan for her countless contributions to our community and for her determination to recruit more global citizens to make the world a better place.

HONORING 150 YEARS OF THE VALLEY VIEW, TEXAS POST OFFICE

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize the City of Valley View, Texas, as residents come together to celebrate the Valley View Post Office's 150th birthday on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Located in Cooke County, the town was first settled by the Lee family in 1870. By 1872, L.W. Lee had plotted a beautiful new town on his land and named it Valley View, presumably for the view offered at the site of Spring Valley. With the grand opening of the Valley View Post Office that same year, the community would start with 18 families and prosper tremendously over the next 150 years.

The community's first school, hotel, steam gristmills, cotton gins, churches, and general stores tell an important part of Valley View's history, but I believe it is the fine people of Valley View who represent the best aspects of the town. This community has reached its 150th birthday through the generations of hard work and love for their community. Today, the United States Congress honors them.

I am honored to represent the residents of Valley View here in Congress. This community is rich in history and its people are rooted in our shared Texas values. I wish them a joyous celebration of the past 150 years. Here's to 150 more.

IN HONOR OF JACOB (JACK) BLANTON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a patriotic American, Jacob (Jack) Blanton, on the occasion of his 102nd birthday. His life story exemplifies true American spirit, determination, and love for our country.

Mr. Blanton was born on March 25, 1920, in Brooklyn, New York. His father, Silas Blanton, a native Kentuckian, had been serving in the US coastal defense in New York before WWI where he met a young German immigrant working as a nanny. They married and eventually moved their family to Kentucky when the burgeoning coal mines in Eastern Kentucky began aggressively recruiting miners. Jack grew up during the depression and the tumultuous years of union conflict in Harlan County.

Mr. Blanton was in high school when WWII broke out. He volunteered for the Army Air Corp to become an airplane mechanic. He went to school at Long Beach, CA, for Douglas Aircraft A-20 planes. After his training he was sent to Asia, where he served in the 348th Night Fighters and also worked on Cargo Transport planes C54 and C47 that flew personnel and supplies over the Hump, the Himalayan Mountains. He was promoted to Tech Sergeant and became Crew Chief for the Douglas A-20.

Following the war, Mr. Blanton married his high school sweetheart, who had gone to Washington, D.C., after high school where she worked for the FBI. They went on to raise four children in Lynch, KY where Jack was a Boy Scout master, Sunday School teacher at the Lynch Methodist Church, little league baseball coach, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He retired from United States Steel as a mine foreman in 1980. He and his wife then moved to London, KY, to be with his elderly mother. He lost the love of his life to a heart attack three days before 9/11.

Mr. Blanton continues to live independently in London where he still raises a garden and takes care of his home and property, even at 102 years old. He takes tremendous pride in having all four of his children pursue college, with two earning advanced degrees. He is a Christian and attended Liberty Baptist Church in London. He is also an unabashed patriot with an undeterred determination to vote in the next Presidential election.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Blanton, celebrate his 102nd birthday and thank him for his service and sacrifice to our nation during World War II. As a part of The Greatest Generation, Mr. Blanton and his fellow soldiers fought to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today, and we can never thank them enough. I am forever grateful for Americans like Jack Blanton.

TRIBUTE TO ELIAS PARONG SABLAN (1899-1968)

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, Elias Jacobo Parong Sablan was a visionary, linguist, and pioneering leader of the people of Saipan, guiding them out from under the 400-year rule of foreign powers to the beginnings of our self-government under the trusteeship of the United States after World War II.

Born on November 8, 1899, to Felix Delos Reyes Sablan and Luisa Malug Parong, Elias was the fourth child in a family of six. He learned our native languages at home: Chamorro from his father Felix and Carolinian from his mother Luisa.

Felix also taught his son to speak, read, and write the English language. In his own youth, Felix served as a cabin boy aboard the *Charles W. Morgan*, an American whaling ship out of New Bedford, Massachusetts. From his crewmates he learned English and about life in the United States of America. He also collected English textbooks on navigation, United States history, and other subjects, books he shared with his son Elias as the boy grew.

The year before Elias' birth, Germany purchased the Northern Mariana Islands from Spain, which had ruled the islands for some 377 years. Elias attended the German school on Saipan, and then was sent to the island of Yap, also under German control, to be educated in communications. By the time he was 15, Elias had learned the international Morse code and added Yapese and German to his linguistic skills.

Japan seized control of the Northern Mariana Islands from Germany at the outset of World War I and after the war was granted a mandate to govern by the League of Nations. This occupation provided Elias the opportunity to learn one more language, Japanese, while working at the Japanese sugar mill. He also married during this Japanese period, wedding Carmen Romolor Mangarero on January 23, 1921. Together they would have 13 children.

Elias' heritage, his upbringing, his education, and experience all prepared him well for the life-threatening events of World War II and what came after. In fact, Elias' knowledge of English would save his life and the lives of his family.

World War II came to the Mariana Islands on June 10, 1944, when the United States attacked the Japanese military forces on Saipan. After a brutal and destructive battle, killing tens of thousands of Japanese and American soldiers, as well as non-combatant civilians, the United States took control of the island on July 9, 1944.

Throughout the battle, Elias and his family hid in a cave in the hills, listening as bombs dropped on the island and watching as Japanese and American airplanes fought in the skies overhead. One day, spotting movement near the cave's entrance, U.S. battleships just outside the island's reef aimed their fire at the family's hiding place.

When the shelling subsided, those sheltered in the cave could hear voices outside speaking a foreign language. It was U.S. Marines talking in English and combing the area for

Japanese. Suddenly, a baby started crying within the cave and the entrance was discovered. The Marines yelled into the cave, and Elias immediately came out with his hands up and said in English, I surrender. If he had not responded as he did, the Marines were ready to toss grenades into the cave rather than risk Japanese soldiers were hiding there.

Because he spoke English, the Marines asked if he was Elias Sablan. They had been on the look-out for him because they were told Elias was one of only two Chamorros who knew English and could help translate for the U.S. military forces. Everyone in the cave was escorted down the hill to the camp where other survivors had been gathered and were being fed, clothed, and treated for injuries.

When the battles in the Marianas had ended, the American Military Government wanted to put the islanders on the road to independence and self-government. In December 1944, they held the first election for a Head Chief, the forerunner of today's Mayor. Barely five months into office, however, that first elected official passed away.

The military then appointed Elias to be interim Head Chief, until a new election could be held. Elias was working as the leader of the police force and continued in that position until being elected in his own right at head chief/mayor on July 4, 1945. Women voted in that July election, although they had not been able to vote the previous December.

Elias was an excellent representative of his constituents. He embodied Saipan's history and culture, because by blood he was both Chamorro and Carolinian, the two local communities of the island. He spoke those two languages, as well as the languages of all the foreign powers that had ruled and were now ruling Saipan: Spanish, German, Japanese, and English. Bringing this background and linguistic ability to his work as Mayor, Elias could understand and be understood by everyone on Saipan.

In coordination with the U.S. military the new Mayor went about the business of bringing life on the island back to normalcy. He appointed a building supervisor, a sanitation commissioner, an Educational Officer, and a replacement Police Chief. The infrastructure for the new island government was now started.

Every person living in the camps set up after the battle of Saipan was identified and accounted for. Repairs were made to the classrooms of the Chalan Kanoa school, so children could have a place to study. And working with the U.S. military, Elias helped interested families return to work farming.

In 1947, the United Nations created the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The United States was charged with governing the TTPI and with helping its people transition from being colonies to being sovereign nations. As Mayor, Elias worked with the TTPI administration. He even traveled to New York City in 1955, along with delegates from the other Micronesian islands in the Trust Territory to report on the status of that transition.

Elias wanted to model self-government in the islands after American democracy, which he had read about in the textbooks his father gave him. There had been no political parties, when he was first elected, and no specific candidates. Each voter simply wrote in the name of his or her choice on a printed ballot. So, to foster competitive elections after the

American practice, Elias, together with other community leaders, started the islands' first political party: the Territorial Party.

Elias served for three consecutive terms (twelve years) as the Mayor of Saipan, from 1945 through 1956. Even after stepping down as Mayor, though, he continued serving the people in various other government and civic positions until his death on October 29, 1968.

Sadly, his passing came too soon for him to witness the realization of his vision of a happy and prosperous life for his people as members of the American political family. Saipan and the other Northern Mariana Islands became a Commonwealth of the United States in 1978.

HONORING JJ GERTLER FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor the achievements of Jeremiah "JJ" Gertler, Specialist in Military Aviation, Congressional Research Service, on the occasion of his retirement from the Service on February 28, 2022.

JJ Gertler served Congress with distinction for more than 22 years at the Library of Congress as a Specialist in Military Aviation for the Congressional Research Service, as a professional staff member of the House Armed Services Committee, and as a Defense Legislative Assistant for then-Senator Chuck Robb of Virginia. He earned a bachelor's degree from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, a master's degree in international security policy from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., as well as graduating with distinction from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

JJ is recognized throughout Congress, the military Services, the defense community, and the military aviation community as an expert in U.S. military aviation programs, capabilities, and strategy. He authored numerous reports and products pertaining to important military aircraft programs across the military services, ranging from the F-35 fighter to the Marine Corps Osprey to privatized adversary air combat training. He also is an expert in the strategic use of military aviation, writing extensively on no-fly zones, possible air strikes in numerous conflicts, and on the strategic implications of the Air Force's long-term budget priorities. He excelled at consultative work for Members of Congress and staffers, developing and maintaining long-term relationships with offices and committees of jurisdiction.

JJ also exercised true leadership at CRS. He was chosen, based on his outstanding skills as an analyst and public speaker, to moderate numerous high-profile panels organized by the Service, most notably the plenary session for the 2019 New Members' Seminar in Williamsburg, Virginia. His skills at presentation are well noted by both members and peers, and a House Armed Services subcommittee chairman once told him, "I have been here 10 years, and I have never heard a better presentation." He created the first podcast for CRS aimed at Congressional clients, served a year in a rotation as a Senior

Advisor to the Director of CRS, and piloted multiple new written CRS products during his tenure.

During his tenure as a professional staff member on the House Armed Services Committee from 2000 through 2004, Mr. Gertler oversaw the defense procurement and missile defense budgets, including all classified programs, during the Fiscal Year 2000 through 2005 budgets. Prior to serving on the committee, he was a defense legislative assistant from 1990 to 1995 for Senator Robb who was simultaneously serving on the Armed Services, Foreign Relations, and Intelligence committees.

JJ Gertler, in addition to his tremendous work and professionalism, is notable for his love of automobiles and his sense of humor. While working on Senator Robb's staff, JJ's sports car team finished third in the country. He plans to retire to the Maryland shore and continue those pursuits. On behalf of the House Armed Services Committee and all those who JJ has worked with during his 22 years on Capitol Hill, we thank him for his public service and wish him well.

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FRANCIS VINCENT

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD this article in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Francis Vincent.

[From the Delaware Genealogical Society, May 2021]

FRANCIS VINCENT: EDITOR, PUBLIC SERVANT
(By Mary Anne Vincent)

March 17, 2022 will be the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of Delaware's most illustrious citizens, Francis Vincent.

Francis Vincent was only 23 when he co-founded the Blue Hen's Chicken, a newspaper which would greatly influence events in Delaware and Maryland within the next few years. Local papers in his day borrowed heavily from large city paper but they printed little news about either Wilmington or Delaware. Vincent, who knew the state from end to end, devoted most of his paper to state and local news. Within three months his paper had the largest circulation in the state.

Vincent used the Blue Hen's Chicken to advocate for major changes in his home state. He called for proportional representation in the state legislature, ratification of more important laws by popular ballot, and election of state officers instead of their appointment by the governor.

Politicians, especially Whigs who controlled the state government, were sharply opposed to such changes. Vincent persistently called for a state convention to change the state constitution. Other newspapers followed his lead by addressing the same issue. In 1846, the Whigs were turned out of office.

In 1848, Vincent published an article on the "Moral Effects of Hanging". Shortly thereafter, the state legislature abolished public hangings. He also called for abolishing public whipping of women. Known to his contemporaries as a courteous, gentle man, this treatment of women was abhorrent to him.

Vincent showed his concern for other segments of society by calling for a 10-hour

work day (an act of courage in those days), the exemption of a portion of a citizen's goods from forced seizure for debt, the establishment of life-saving service and coastal patrol on the Delaware River, and free universal education. All of these proposals were adopted. Indeed, the school system of Wilmington at the time of his death in 1884 was substantially what he proposed in 1850.

After the Civil War, Vincent gained fame for his "Essay Recommending the Union of Great Britain and her Colonies and the United States and the Final Union of the World into One Great Nation". He explored the topic further in a subsequent essay addressed to the International and Permanent League of Peace in December 1869. His plan, which ante-dated Wilson's League of Nations by almost five decades, never came to fruition.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MIKE BUCKLES

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Mike Buckles upon his retirement from the Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, where he has served as Executive Director for nearly 25 years.

Mike has dedicated his career to assisting individuals and families most-in-need. He turned an agency facing financial hardships into a thriving, successful resource to combat poverty. Mike is a visionary leader, always working to expand services to help as many people as possible in Clay, Jackson and Lee counties. As Executive Director, he increased employment from 40 to 135 employees, added two certified Kentucky Career Centers and increased the budget to over \$16 million.

He worked diligently to lift the Daniel Boone CAA out of debt and increased programs for transportation, weatherization, low-income energy assistance, workforce development, child care, housing and emergency services.

As a result of his achievements, Mike was selected to lead Community Action Kentucky as President for two terms. In 2015, he was inducted into the Transportation Hall of Fame and he received the "Jesse Amburgey Award of Excellence in Community Action" in 2019. In 2020, he was named a "SOAR Hero" by the non-profit SOAR organization—Shaping Our Appalachian Region. Under his leadership, Daniel Boone CAA has also earned many accolades, including the Statewide Transportation Award, Eastern Kentucky Section 531 Award, Vehicle Maintenance Award, Statewide Transportation Award, and the Weatherization Leadership Award, among others.

Thanks to Mike's lifetime of perseverance and due diligence, countless families in our rural region have received assistance when they needed it the most—getting a ride to the doctor's office, getting the training necessary for a new job, keeping warm in the winter, accessing childcare during work hours, and much more. Without a doubt, Mike Buckles has made a resounding difference in southeastern Kentucky and I appreciate his sincere friendship and partnership over the years. I wish Mike a happy and peaceful retirement with his wife Sharon and their beautiful family.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow program.

The Order of the Arrow was founded on the highest ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as Scouting's national camping honor society. It recognizes Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

Members of the Order of the Arrow are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round outdoor activities, and providing cheerful service to others.

Each spring, the eleven Order of the Arrow Lodges in Georgia and Alabama come together for an annual conclave. The 2022 Conclave will be hosted at Camp Benjamin Hawkins in Byron, Georgia on the weekend of April 1.

The weekend, steeped in tradition, will include fun, fellowship, and service. I extend my best wishes to the Scouts and Advisors participating in this Conclave, and I hope their experience will be memorable and enjoyable.

RECOGNIZING CARL PIERSON

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Carl Pierson, a husband, father, teacher, coach, City Council member, and resident of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District. Carl has served the City of Waconia for more than twenty years, enriching the lives of countless students and community members around him. He leads by example, and we are fortunate to have someone like Carl in the Sixth District who puts others first and demonstrates what "Selfless Service" truly means.

Carl is a staple in the Waconia Community, teaching high school government for the last two decades. In addition to educating future generations of Minnesotans in the classroom, he is cultivating the next generation of student-athletes as coach of the Waconia High School basketball, baseball, and football teams. If that weren't enough, Carl is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association and author of the book "The Politics of Coaching," a must-read for coaches looking to navigate the politics of youth sports. As someone who coached youth hockey for many years, I've learned some valuable lessons in negotiation and diplomacy while working with the parents of my players, but Carl literally wrote the book on it.

In November 2020, Carl was elected to the Waconia City Council, representing Ward 2. This was not his first stint in public service, as Carl had previously served on the Waconia Park Board and the Carver County Sheriffs Citizen Advisory Council. Where Carl finds time to accomplish all these things and continue to be a loving husband to his wife and father to his two sons remains a mystery, however, Carl remains a leader and mentor for the residents and students in Waconia.

Earlier this year, Carl was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. While this news is never easy to receive, I have no doubt that he will approach this new challenge with the same optimism and determination he has shown time and time again on the basketball court and win this fight.

I cannot thank Carl enough for his leadership and dedication to the residents of Waconia. Our community, our district, and our state are in a better place because of his work and perseverance. I thank Carl, and may God Bless him and his wonderful family.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MARCUS BLAZE FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Marcus Blaze, a freshman at Perrysburg High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving the Division I State Wrestling Title. Marcus overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division I State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Marcus Blaze defeated his opponent in the finals of the 113-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. Marcus led his team to rank second place overall in the championship. He has achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Marcus Blaze of Perrysburg High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF RETIRING LUXEMBURG-CASCO SUPERINTENDENT GLENN SCHLENDER

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career of retiring Luxemburg-Casco Superintendent, Glenn Schlender.

During his 37-and-a-half year career in education, Mr. Schlender has held numerous leadership roles in our education system. He has undoubtedly made a lasting impact at each stop during his distinguished career. Mr. Schlender began his career in 1985 as a science teacher in the Green Bay School District, which was followed by taking the role of assistant principal at Green Bay Preble High School. He then joined the Pulaski School District as the principal at Pulaski High School for 7 years before moving to the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District and assuming the role of

superintendent in 2009. In 2014, Mr. Schlender moved to his final stop at the Luxemburg-Casco School District.

During his time at Luxemburg-Casco, Mr. Schlender added to his already lengthy list of accomplishments from his time in education. Mr. Schlender's leadership and knowledge lead to the expansion and implementation of not only the physical spaces within the Luxemburg-Casco School District but also countless learning opportunities for students. Since assuming his role at Luxemburg-Casco, the school district has been recognized as a top 10 high school academically within the Green Bay metro area. Mr. Schlender's commitment and dedication to the Luxemburg-Casco school district is truly remarkable.

In addition to academics, Ms. Schlender played a critical role in developing partnerships with community members and local businesses such as Bellin Health, D&S Machine Service, and the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance. These partnerships lead to the institution of career-readiness programs, including the Ahnapee Regional Youth Apprenticeship Program, which has offered students the opportunity to gain on-the-job work experience in the classroom. Mr. Schlender spent his entire career ensuring that students throughout Northeast Wisconsin have the resources they needed to succeed. Mr. Schlender's expertise and knowledge will surely be missed by his peers and the entire Luxemburg-Casco community.

Mr. Schlender is leaving behind a notable legacy that will be admired by educators for years to come. After retirement, Mr. Schlender and his wife plan to stay in the Luxemburg-Casco community and I am confident that he will continue to be a valuable member to the Northeast Wisconsin community. Mr. Schlender's distinguished career is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jefferson High School in Daly City on the occasion of its 100th birthday. Home of the Jefferson Grizzlies, Jefferson High School has been educating children since its inception in 1922, starting with 50 students. Previously, all high school students in Daly City attended school in San Francisco.

Courses offered in the original school were mathematics, science, English, Spanish, drama, commercial arithmetic, typing, bookkeeping, spelling, penmanship, PE for girls and boys, civics, vocational guidance, free hand drawing, and music. The original three teachers were Gilda Belloni, Gladys Lukes, and Barto Molineux. Mr. Neal O. Best was Chief Administrator but also taught mathematics, science and boys' athletics.

From the start, it was evident that a permanent and larger school would be needed. A \$180,000 bond measure was approved, but there was disagreement about the best site for the new building. Some wanted it located on Hillside Boulevard in Edgewood Terrace, while others wanted it near the greyhound racing track at Union Coursing Park between Mission and Railroad Avenue. The voters settled the matter in March 1923. The building was built near the racetrack, and the first class of freshmen entered in 1925.

On May 26, 1926, Jefferson High School graduated its first class from the new school site, 13 seniors. The following year, the University of California accredited Jefferson High School on July 26th, and a month later an alumni association was formed. A significant modernization of the high school occurred in 1963 and 2017. Legendary NFL Hall of Fame coach and award-winning broadcaster John Madden, a proud Jefferson High School alum, contributed lights for the school's stadium.

From its founding to our present day, Jefferson has graduated a number of other distinguished alums. These students include Edwin Mulitalo. Super Bowl Champion, Floyd

Gonella, former district superintendent and San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, and Justice Teri L. Jackson, currently serving on the California Court of Appeal.

Jefferson High School takes pride in its diverse student body, and its outstanding curriculum. The school meets every student where they are in their learning to ensure that all students are able to demonstrate mastery of essential skills and content upon graduation. AP classes are open to all students. The school offers a competitive robotics and engineering program and dual enrollment for career technical education is available under an agreement with Skyline College. Students graduate with both college and high school credits.

In addition to its strong curriculum, Jefferson High School received the 2019 San Mateo County School Board Association Kent Award recognizing schools with innovative and replicable programs, and a 2019 Daly City Sustainability Award. Its community and club involvement are substantial. The Grizzly Go Club, sponsored by the local public utility, made portable solar power "suitcases" that were then sent to Ecuador for use in schools that have no electricity. Jefferson High School partners with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute food to over 1200 families, monthly. Thirty clubs, including but not limited to Social Justice and Activism, Anime and Mock Trial, offer students many opportunities to become involved further in their school and education. The 11th and 12th graders are partnered with 9th graders to ensure a smooth transition into the school. At the senior level, Jefferson partners with the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) to help first generation students navigate the college entrance process.

Madam Speaker, America is at her best when it offers free public education to its children. Jefferson High School has long offered a high-quality education to all comers. The shaping of young minds through science, history, athletics and other wonderful courses offered at this school builds our country as much as the creation of any work of public engineering. America and Daly City succeed because we invest in students, invest in their success, and celebrate their coming of age as adults within our community. I thank Jefferson High School, and congratulate them on their birthday.